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NEXT MEETING ON OCTOBER 21, 6:00 P.M. AT TULEY PARK

Our **special guest speaker** will be a representative from the **Chatham Business Association**, who will present information on the “*Chatham Bucks*” initiative—an exciting program offering discounts at various local retailers.

During this meeting, CCC will also conduct the **Election of Officers and Board Members for the 2025–2029 term**. The meeting is open to the public; however, only **dues-paying members** are eligible to participate in the election. **Michele McGee** will oversee the election process, and **Judge Donna Cooper** will administer the oath of office to newly elected officers.

We encourage all members to attend and take part in shaping the future of our organization.

19th Annual Silas Purnell College Expo: A Resounding Success

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to our sponsors and supporters: **Bally’s Chicago, Seaway Self-Help, Alderman William Hall, Alderman Michelle Harris, Alderman Anthony Beale, State Senator Elgie Sims, State Representative Marcus Evans, the Purnell Family**, our participating **colleges, universities, and service providers**, and our **media partners—WVON,**

Inspiration 1390, The AC Green Show, The AI Kindle Show, The Independent Bulletin Newspaper, and the hundreds of attendees who made the event possible.

A special thank-you is also extended to our dedicated volunteers: **Jeanette Washington, Irene King, Michele McGee, Bernard Sutton, and Viola Watkins**, Project Coordinator.

We continue to honor the legacy of the late **Silas Purnell**, a distinguished Chesterfield resident remembered for his lifelong commitment to education. His efforts helped more than **50,000 students nationwide** secure college admissions and scholarships, leaving an enduring impact on generations of learners.

HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE TAP PROGRAM?

How does TAP work?

Eligible riders enrolled in TAP will pay the first \$3.25 of the cost of a trip taken with a Chicago taxi provider if the origin of the trip is within the City of Chicago; Pace will subsidize the cost of the trip after the first \$3.25 and not exceeding \$30.00. Eligible riders will also be responsible for paying:

- any portion of the cost of the trip that exceeds \$30.00.
- any taxi surcharge applicable to the trip (e.g., wait and return surcharge); and
- any taxi driver tip.

Pace will subsidize no more than **30 one-way trips per month** for each eligible rider enrolled in TAP.

The following changes to TAP are in effect as of October 1:

Increasing the TAP trip fares to \$3.25 per trip (to equal the ADA Paratransit fare)

Capping the number of TAP rides to 30 per month per rider

Free rides on CTA and Metra services for ADA-certified riders. Please note:

Pace already offers [free rides on fixed route](#) to those customers.

These changes were necessary to comply with the RTA's ADA Paratransit Action Plan. Furthermore, nothing is changing with traditional ADA Paratransit service at this time; the fare on that service is still \$3.25 per ride and eligible riders may take as many ADA Paratransit trips as they wish.

Pace's Taxi Access Program (TAP) is a taxi subsidy program for ADA eligible riders choosing to use Chicago taxi providers for same-day trips instead of using ADA paratransit services.

To request an accessible taxi, call the City of

Chicago's centralized WAV taxi dispatch service at (888) 928-2227.

Who is eligible to enroll in TAP?

RTA-certified ADA paratransit riders are eligible to enroll in TAP if they are not enrolled in Pace's Rideshare Access Program (RAP).

Enrollment in TAP is voluntary and will not affect a rider's ADA certification.

SUPPORT BUSINESSES THAT SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY

Please support the following businesses:

*Seaway Bank-Self Help * Country Financial * Leon's Barbershop * Walgreen's * Dawn Hines-State Farm Insurance * WVON * Discover * Reggion's Pizza * Garrett Popcorn * Bulletin Newspaper * Citizen Newspaper * Home Depot* Josephine's Cooking * Buddy Bear Car Wash I * All Weather Specialist * Providence Bank & Trust * Real Estate Consortium * Lowes Home Improvement * Fat Burger, 87th Maryland * Bally's Chicago

SAVE THESE DATES

October 21 – *Community Meeting & Election of Officers* – Tuley Park, 6:30 p.m.

October 27 – *Property Tax Appeal Day* – Discover, 6:00 p.m.

December 2- *Giving Tuesday*

LET'S CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE CHESTERFIELD A DESTINATION COMMUNITY

Officers:

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Vice-president - William "Billy" Davis

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